OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Jan. 12, 1944

Lansing, January 12, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Hunter.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Hunter, Mahoney, Smith, VanNote.—6.
Absent—Com. Drolett.—1.

Mayor Crego and Ald. Snyder, Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee of the Council, were present.

Mayor Crego addressed the Board.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A card was received from John F. O'Brien and family expressing appreciation for flowers and sympathy at the time of his mother's death.

Placed on file.

Celia VaNot thanked the Board for its expression of sympathy.

Placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Honorable Members of the
Fire and Police Commission.

Gentlemen:

Relative to the request of Chief O'Brien for a 5% flat salary increase for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year patrolman and the Radio operators.

We recommend that the request be denied for the following reasons.

First the claim was made that 20% deduction for income tax was taken from the pay checks. This is not true. The actual deductions for the above employees is 7.3% Federal Tax average per individual.

For the Fire department the average is 6.3%.

Average for both departments, 6.83%.

Further if a 5% increase was granted in the Police Department, the same rated employees in the Fire Department would likewise have to be raised.

This would mean that a 3rd year fireman would get more than an Engineer and as a result the entire rate structure would have to be revised.

Further, there is only 3½ months to go in this fiscal year, therefore, no changes should be considered.

L. J. SMITH,
D. D. HARRIS,
CHARLES P. VANNOTE,
Ways and Means Committee.

By Com. Smith—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien filed reports on finances of the Police Department and on activities

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for the month of December, 1943, which was received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher filed reports on the finances of the Fire Department and on the work of the department during the month of December, 1943. Received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher filed a detailed Annual Report of the Lansing Fire Department for the year 1943 which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed a report of an accident involving Motorcycle No. 1, ridden by Warren Eddie, which was placed on file.

Lieutenant Pletcher, Director of the Accident Prevention Bureau, filed an annual Traffic Safety Activity Report for the year 1943. Lieutenant Pletcher was present and read and explained the report, which was placed on file.

January 12, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

This is to report that Fireman Frank J. Lawrence, who was appointed on probation November 1, 1943, voluntarily quit the Lansing Fire Department on January 3, 1944, and is automatically dismissed.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER, Chief,
Lansing Fire Department.

Received and placed on file.

January 12, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Kindly confirm the appointment of fireman George I. Post.

Mr. Post was appointed on July 1, 1943, and has satisfactorily completed his probationary period.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER, Chief,
Lansing Fire Department.

By Com. Harris—

That the appointment of George I. Post as fireman be made permanent.

Carried.

January 12, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I find it necessary to make the following recommendation:

That Section 161 of the Fire Department Rule Book be changed to read as follows:

Sec. 161—"In this case the relief man will be required to work for him two days, before sick leave starts. The department doctor shall also be notified and requested to attend him."

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER, Chief,
Lansing Fire Department.

By Com. Harris—

That Sec. 161 of the Fire Department Rule Book be amended as recommended by Chief Fisher.

Carried.

Chief O'Brien reported on the return of Ernest Messick who was given a leave of absence from the Police Department to join the Navy on February 24, 1942. A report was read on his physical condition. Mr. Messick was present and gave an account of his condition.

Chief Fisher reported that a number of Firemen had been re-classified by the Draft Boards to 1A.

Chief O'Brien reported that Keith Marshall wished to enlist in the military forces.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Harris—

That the case of Ernest Messick be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion.

Carried.

By Com. Harris—

That letters be sent to the Draft Boards relative to the deferment of men in the

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Police and Fire Departments by the Board and the Mayor.

Carried.

By Com. Harris—

That the deferment of Keith Marshall be terminated at the end of a ninety day period.

Carried.

By Com. Smith—

Resolved by the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners:

That the Chiefs, Officers and other men in both the Police and Fire Departments be commended for their efficient work and loyal co-operation during the year 1943 and that this Board hereby expresses appreciation for such service.

Carried unanimously.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas, 6; Nays, 0.

Morden Oil Co.	$522.21
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	77.00
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	43.77
Galvin Manufacturing Corp.	40.80
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	40.71
Columbia Carbon Co.	24.00
St. Lawrence Hospital	15.00
Whitmore Auto Elec. Co.	10.77
General Distributing Corp.	10.68
John F. O'Brien, Petty Cash	10.06
Safety Service Clinic	8.16
Western Union Co.	7.04
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	6.37
Carrier-Stephens Co.	6.00
Scientific Service, Inc.	4.25
Railway Express Co.	2.55
Franklin DeKleine Co.	2.58
Michigan Products Co.	1.80
England Cook Co.	1.17

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas, 6; Nays, 0.

Board of Water & Elec. Light Com.	$331.00
The Gamewell Co.	300.00
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	151.11
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	134.29
Michigan Printing Service	70.25
Elkhart Brass Mfg. Co.	64.68
McCarty Sales & Service	53.40
Consumers Power Co.	47.08
Lansing Laundry	39.18
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	29.96
The Rikerd Lumber Co.	23.52
Lansing Supply Co.	21.17
J. C. Penney Co.	21.00
Maurice Polack, Inc.	19.90
Hugh F. Fisher	17.99
Air Reduction Sales Co.	15.86
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	12.05
E. & J. Resusticator Co.	10.09
Davis Upholstering	9.75
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	6.62
Goodyear Service	6.18
Franklin DeKleine Co.	5.63
The Briggs Co.	4.90
Carrier-Stephens Co.	3.50
Jarvis Engineering Works	3.14
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	2.91
Lansing Heating-Ventilating Co.	2.00
C. G. Brenner, Inc.	2.00
Michigan Company, Inc.	1.98
Michigan Supply Co.	9.49

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
January 12, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Feb. 8, 1944

Lansing, Michigan,

February 8, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Hunter.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote. —8.
Abent—None.

President Hunter welcomed Com. Niles and Com. Henry to their first meeting with the Board.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the relatives of ex-Chief Hugo R. Delfs expressing appreciation of sympathy expressed at the time of his death.

Placed on file.

Theodore H. Townsend, City Manager of St. Johns, Michigan, thanked the Fire Department, the Chief and men for assistance given at the time of the fire on Main Street in St. Johns.

Received and placed on file.

Ned H. Dearborn, Executive Vice-President of the National Safety Council, congratulated the Fire Department on the enlightening story of progress in combating the fire menace as shown in the Annual Operating Report of the Fire Department.

Received and placed on file.

February 8, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

On the evening of February 5th, No. 3 Service Truck was sent to the Diamond Oil Co. at 225 N. Hosmer Street to stop a leak in a 20,000 Gal. bulk storage tank of gasoline. Freezing weather had caused a sediment pipe to leak underneath the tank, and the manager of the oil company had attempted unsuccessfully to insert a plug in place of this pipe.

With considerable difficulty, Captain Robert Metz and Fireman Elmore Kerkela worked their way under this tank and inserted the plug, holding the loss of gasoilne to approximately 500 gallons and greatly reducing the potential hazard to this neighborhood.

While inserting the plug, however, Captain Metz and Fireman Kerkela were both thoroughly saturated with gasoline, and I wish to go on record as commending these men for accomplishing a splendid piece of work in the face of extreme personal danger.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER, Chief
Lansing Fire Department.

By Com. Harris—

That this Board commend Captain Metz and Fireman Kerkela for their efficiency and bravery in reducing the hazard caused by a leak in a storage tank of gasoline and that these men be given a Citation by the Board.

Carried unanimously.

February 1, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

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Gentlemen:

At your meeting on January 12, 1944, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the case of Ernest Messick be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion."

To date I have received nothing in writing from you as to the questions involved, but learned from Chief O'Brien, Mr. Leo Smith and Miss Ray that Mr. Messick, while a member of the Police Force enlisted in the Navy and, while there, either was injured or an old injury became aggravated. After hospitalization he was honorably discharged and now wishes to return to the department.

On February 24, 1943, your Board, by unanimous vote, adopted the following resolution:

That members of the Police Departmen or of the Fire Department who enter the armed forces of the United States in the present emergency shall be given a leave of absence from their positions and upon their honorable discharge and if physically fit, shall be reinstated upon their return to Lansing in the position which was held upon entering into the services with such seniority rights as they had when entering the service. Provided application be made within six months after such honorable discharge.

I believe this means that Mr. Messick must be physically fit to perform the duties of the job he held when he left the department. I understand your Board had some discussion as to what kind of an examination should be had in order to determine his physical fitness and that some one even suggested that it should be only such an examination as he had upon first entering the department. In my opinion such an examination is not enough. The resolution of Februayr 24, 1943, places a duty upon you to determine his physical fitness, by all available means, and it seems to me that your Board has a single question of fact to determine—Is he now physically fit to perform the duties of the job he held when he left the department?

In arriving at the answer you should consider all available evidence and in particular all possible information in regard to his specific disability.

It may be of interest to know that the Selective Service Act of 1940, as amended, while inapplicable to municipalities provides that a person entering the armed forces must upon discharge be restored to his former position provided, "He is still qualified to perform the duties of such position."

May I suggest that further references to me be made in writing because otherwise there is no certainty that your questions are correctly presented.

Very truly yours,

PAUL G. EGER,
City Attorney.

Received and placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS

February 8, 1944.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michcigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find reports from Captain John Early and Lieutenant Leo Bauer, Lieutenant Victor Scavarda and Lieutenant Ward Rainwater on probationary patrolman Richard Porter.

Inasmuch as all reports are satisfactory, and Richcard Porter has served the customary six months probation period, I recommend that his appointment be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Gross—

That the appointment of Richard Porter as Patrolman be confirmed.

Carried.

February 8, 1944.

Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Please confirm the appointments of the following officers:

Inspector Paul Taylor, Detective Lieutenant Claude Boyles, Detective Lieutenant Leon Cole, Detective Lieutenant Arthur Curtis, Detective Lieutenant William Knapp, Detective Lieutenant Myron Griffin, Detective Lieutenant John Kennedy, Detective Lieutenant Merle Otis, Detective Lieutenant Elton Roebuck, Detective Sergeant Arthur Webb, Detective Sergeant I. M. Freeman, Lieutenant Ward Rainwater, and Sergeant George Warner.

The above mentioned officers have completed their usual six months probation, and I do not hesitate to recommend their confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Smith—

That the appointments of the officers be confirmed.

Carried.

February 8, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Kindly confirm the appointment of Fire-

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man Donald R. Anderson who has satisfactorily completed his six months probationary period.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER, Chief,
Lansing Fire Department.

By Com. Gross—

That the probationary appointment of Fireman Donald R. Anderson be confirmed.

Carried.

January 28, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Property and Purchasing recommend the purchase of Lot 19, Block 9, Espanore Addition, which is owned by Mr. Leo T. McQuillan, 14259 Winthrop St., Detroit, Michigan.

The size of this lot is 45 ft. by 106.50 ft. and it is located on the south side of West Saginaw Street adjacent to No. 7 Fire Station.

The assessed valuation is six hundred and seventy-five dollars ($675.00) and it can be acquired for seven hundred dollars ($700.00).

A. P. GROSS,
CLAUDE I. HUNTER,
LEO J. SMITH,
Property and Purchasing Committee.

Motion by Com. Gross, and supported by Com. Smith, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Fisher filed a report of the finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of January, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed a report of the finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of January, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher reported on illness of Firemen Radelt, Feazel and Brown.

By Com. Smith—

That the matter be referred to the City Attorney and Committee on Men and Discipline for a ruling as the status of these men under the pension plan now in effect.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Smith—

That the following communication be sent to the City Council:

"To the Honorable Mayor and
City Council:

We respectfully request your honorable body to reserve the old City Market Site, bounded by Grand Avenue and Shiawassee Street, as a site for post-war building program in connection with tentative plans previously submitted to your honorable body."

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 8; Nays 0.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the Committee on Men and Discipline be given authority to act on the proposition of purchasing five new cars for the Police Department.

Carried.

By Com. Harris—

That the Board concur in the action of Chief O'Brien in the case of Probationary Patrolman Ward Burns.

Carried.

By Com. VanNote—

That Keith Marshall be given a leave of absence to join the armed forces in accordance with the resolution of this Board adopted February 24, 1942.

Carried.

By Com. Gross—

That Section 13, Paragraph G of Fire Department Rules, be added to the Police Department Rules on Page 9 of the printed rules of the Police Department.

Carried.

Com. Lynn Niles and Com. Herbert Henry spoke to the Board expressing their pleasure in having been appointed to serve with them on the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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American Photocopy Co.	99.08
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	95.76
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	76.45
England-Cook Company	65.54
Goodyear Service	64.14
Wonch Battery Co.	28.50
Whitmore Auto Electric	28.36
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	26.50
General Distributing Corp.	26.23
Lansing Laundry Co.	9.80
The Dudley Paper Company	9.31
John F. O'Brien, Petty Cash	8.29
The Emery-Pratt Co.	5.49
General Parts & Service	4.50
The General Detroit Corp.	3.66
Gregory-Mayer & Thom Co.	3.09

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Granger Brothers	$975.00
Bd. of Water & Elec. Light Comm.	355.59
Lansing Ice & Fuel Co.	233.67
Michigan Company, Inc.	163.35
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	151.11
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	134.49
Lansing Laundry	49.12
Consumers Power Company	44.68
Home Dairy Company	29.05
C. G. Braxmar Co., Inc.	28.75
The Seagrave Corporation	24.30
Homelite Corporation	20.58
United Office Equipment Co.	17.55
Lansing Supply Co.	15.95
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	12.60
Franklin DeKleine Company	12.22
Michigan Printing Service	11.50
Vandervoort Hardware Co.	11.18
Hugh F. Fisher	9.61
Air Reduction Sales Co.	9.53
Goodyear Service	9.33
Michigan Brass & Electric Co.	8.24
Claud Teachout	7.76
Maurice Polack, Inc.	7.45
Safety Service Clinic	7.23
Rikerd Lumber Co.	6.28
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	5.86
General Distributing Corp.	5.39
Capital Film Service	4.85
Capital Printing Company	4.50
Fisher-Hamilton Wall Paper Co.	3.97
Elkhart Brass Mfg. Co., Inc.	3.84
Brick & Supplies Corp.	3.60
Quality Awning Shop	3.00
Hager & Cove Lumber Co.	2.65
Fiel's Radiator Shop	2.25
Painters Supplies, Inc.	2.10
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	2.01
Herman Reuffer	2.00
Jarvis Engineering Works	1.93
A. J. Cummings	1.50

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

February 8, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings March 14, 1944

March 14, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Hunter.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Smith, Miles, VanNote. —8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from J. C. Cooley in which he thanked the Fire Department for the services of the Inhalator Squad in restoring his wife.

Placed on file.

Dr. C. F. DeVries filed a report on injuries to the knee of Fireman Robert Kennedy.

Received and placed on file.

A report on the condition of John Forner of the Fire Department was received from Dr. J. W. Conn of Ann Arbor.

Received and placed on file.

John Gafner, Assistant Superintendent of the Capitol, expressed his appreciation for the prompt and efficient manner in which a fire in the bailing room in the Capitol was extinguished on February 14, 1944.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher in a communication called attention to the excellent work of Patrolman Achterhoff in discovering a fire at 111 E. Michigan Avenue on the morning of February 16th. He said that his alertness and prompt action may have averted a serious fire in the down town district.

March 14, 1944.

To the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

We recommend that you approve the Police and Fire Department budget for the year beginning May 1, 1944 and ending April 30, 1945.

J. J. SMITH,
D. D. HARRIS,
CHARLES P. VANNOTE,
Ways and Means Committee.

By Com. Smith—

That the report of the Committee on Ways and Means be adopted and the proposed budgets for the Police and Fire Departments approved and referred to the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Paul G. Eger, City Attorney, reported on the lot known as Lot 19, Block 9, Espanore Addition, which was recently purchased for use of the Fire Department. He stated that there were restrictions on the use of the lot which wolud have to be set aside by condemnation proceedings before the lot could be used for building purposes.

By Com. Niles—

That the City Attorney be instructed to institute condemnation proceedings to remove restrictions on Lot 19, Block 9, Espanore Addition.

Carried.

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City Attorney Paul G. Eger filed a report on the liability of the city to Ernest W. Radelt, Fireman, who is at present incapacitated by sickness.

Received and placed on file.

Paul G. Eger, City Attorney, filed an opinion relative to the liability of the city to Fireman Harold C. Brown, at the present time incapacitated by illness.

Received and placed on file.

The City Attorney filed a copy of an opinion which he had prepared for Chief O'Brien relative to the provisions of the new Retirement System provisions affecting men sustaining disability or death not in the line of duty.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher filed reports of the finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of February, 1944, which were placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports of the finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of February, 1944, which were received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed a report on a minor accident involving Police Car No. 7 on February 22, 1944.

March 14, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find reports of Assistant Chief Ross Dibble and Assistant Chief Arthur Witschinski, also Captain Karl Zipple and Captain George Spaulding on probationary fireman Bliss Gardner, who was appointed on August 15, 1943.

Inasmuch as Bliss Gardner has been working under the direct supervision of the above named officers, I shall concur with their recommendation that his probationary period be extended for a period of three months.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

By Com. Smith—

That the probationary period of Bliss Gardner be continued for three months.

Carried.

March 14, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find reports from Assistant Chief Ross Dibble and Assistant Chief Arthur Witschinski also Capt. Waldo Peterson and Captain Robert Metz, on probationary fireman Elmore Kerkela, who was appointed on August 15, 1943.

Inasmuch as all reports are satisfactory and Elmore Kerkela has served the customary six months' probationary period, I recommend that his appointment be confirmed.

Resptctfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

By Com. VanNote—

That Elmore Kerkela having served his six months' probationary period as fireman satisfactorily, his appointment be confirmed.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Gross—

That Harold C. Brown and Ernest W. Radelt of the Fire Department be given ninety days' leave of absence on account of sickness as provided in the rules governing sick leave.

Carried.

By Com. Harris—

That Chief of the Fire Department and Chief of Police be given authority to offer the men of their departments a choice of taking annual vacations this year or of working during the time alloted them for vacations and receive pay in addition to the regular pay.

Carried.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the Committee on Property and Purchasing be given power to act in purchasing three cars and motorcycles.

Carried.

By Com. Harris—

That Patrolman Ernest Messick be reinstated in the Police Department on

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March 16, 1944, in the position held before he entered U. S. service.

Carried unanimously.

Chief O'Brien stated that he objected to the reinstatement of Ernest Messick until such time as reports had been filed showing that his physical condition was such as required by the department.

By Com. Smith—

That the following communication be sent to the City Council:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department has two fire engines purchased in 1918 and 1920, respectively, one service truck purchased in 1925.

As soon as possible after the war, it will be necessary to replace the above equipment.

This will involve an expenditure of possibly $40,000.00 to $50,000.00.

Therefore, we respectfully request that your honorable body, through the City Comptroller, set up a fire department equipment account.

Whereas the unspent balance of the 1943 and 1944 fire department budget be transferred to said account, also the sum of money earned by the Fire Department per year under the City's contract with the rural district.

Said sum amounts to $3,500.00 to $4,000.00 per year.

That the unused funds in the Police Department Budget be transferred to the General Police Equipment Fund.

Said monies could be invested in short term government notes, and providing a sinking fund for major fire department equipment.

L. J. SMITH,
D. D. HARRIS,
CHARLES P. VANNOTE,

Ways and Means Committee.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Morden Oil Company	$472.73
Goodyear Tire & Service	135.48
R. P. Lewis Company	98.77
Buhl Sons Company, Detroit	95.04
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	87.88
Lansing Oldsmobile Company	47.51
The Hallenbeck Printing Co.	41.75
Gregory-Mayer & Thom Co.	38.04
Whitmore Auto Electric Co.	62.70
Paul Automotive Parts	27.97
Linn Camera Shop	26.36
United Exterminators Co.	25.00
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	22.50
Budd's Music House	18.00
General Distributing Corp.	15.85
Scientific Service	13.50
John F. O'Brien, Petty Cash	11.72
Rouser Drug Store	8.80
Lansing Laundry Co.	7.15
Capitol Electric Co.	6.50
Emery-Pratt Company	4.85
Safety Service Clinic	3.39
The Dudley Paper Co.	2.98
England-Cook Co.	2.70
William Knapp	2.40
Railway Express Agency	2.26
Rudolph Bannasch	1.75
New York Central Railroad	1.14
Roberts Tires Sales, Inc.	1.00

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Gamewell Company	$423.86
Bd. of Water & Electric Light Com.	341.86
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	134.09
McKay Coal Co.	129.75
Consumers Power Co.	74.80
J. C. Penney Co.	71.52
Schaberg-Dietrich Hardware	61.45
Lansing Laundry	40.38
Michigan Company, Inc.	27.72
Vandervoort Hardware Co.	14.48
Reo Motors, Inc.	13.73
Franklin DeKleine Co.	11.84
Vaughan Battery Service	10.23
Air Reduction Sales Co.	9.52
Michigan Printing Service	9.50
Young Bros. & Daley	9.41
Sun Oil Company	8.75
Hugh F. Fisher	8.31
Quality Awning Shop	4.90
Field's Radiator Shop	4.00
General Distributing Corp.	3.71
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	3.02
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	2.29

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

March 14, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
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OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 11, 1944

Lansing, Michigan,

April 11, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Hunter.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Henry, Harris, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote. —8.

Absent—None.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Lansing Paint & Color Company asking that the City Fire Alarm System be extended to the main gate of their guard house after which they will install a master box and auxiliary fire alarm boxes throughout the plant.

By Com. Gross—

That Chief Fisher be directed to install an extension of the Fire Alarm System to the Lansing Paint and Color Company.

Carried.

Ernest V. Messick applied for back pay for a period from December 16, 1943 to March 16, 1944, claiming that he had asked for reinstatement as patrolman in December following his discharge from the U. S. Navy. A photostatic copy of his discharge accompanied the request for back pay.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the communication be referred to the City Attorney.

Carried.

In appreciation of the valuable services of both the Police and Fire Departments at a fire across the street from their business, the Capitol City Wrecking Company presented a check for $50.00 to the Lansing Police Benefit Fund and one for the same amount to the Firemen's Benefit Fund.

By Com. VanNote—

That the checks be deposited in the funds designated by the Capitol City Wrecking Company.

Carried.

A communication was received from the National Fire Protection Association requesting the Fire Chief be sent to a Conference to be held in Philadelphia on May 8 and 11, 1944, to receive information on new developments in fire prevention and war time fire protection.

By Com. Mahoney—

That Chief Fisher be authorized to attend this Conference.

Carried.

March 23, 1944.

To the Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners:

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System the following motion was adopted:

"It was moved and supported that the Secretary be directed to request the Police and Fire Commission to inform the Board of Trustees as to their intent in granting the policemen and firemen a uniform or clothing allowance; whether or not it was intended as part of their compensation, and that the matter be given further consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Carried."

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Chapter 29 of the City Charter which provides for the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System used the word "Compensation" and the question has risen as to whether or not this includes the uniform allowance.

Ever since this allowance was established the retirement system deductions have been made only from the regular salary and not from the uniform and clothing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. SANDERSON,
Secretary.

By Com. Smith—

That the allowance for uniforms made to Policemen and Firemen be considered a separate and distinct allowance and not part of their salaries.

Carried.

April 11, 1944.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Patrolman George Lester left the Police Department on March 15, 1944, and was inducted into the United States Navy. Patrolman Donald Jackson was also inducted into the United States Navy, and left the Police Department March 31, 1944.

I recommend that these two men be given leave of absence from the Police Department, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners on February 24, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Niles—

That leave of absence be granted to Patrolmen Donald Jackson and George Lester who have been inducted into the U. S. Navy in accordance with a resolution adopted by this Board on February 24, 1942.

Carried.

April 11, 1944.

Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find reports from Assistant Chief Ross Dibble and Assistant Chief Arthur Witschinski, also Captain Charles Decker and Captain Robert Moore on probationary fireman Walter Goodz, who was appointed September 1, 1943.

Inasmuch as all reports are satisfactory and Walter Goodz has served the customary six months' probationary period, I recommend that this appointment be confirmed.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

By Com. VanNote—

That the appointment of Fireman Walter Goodz be confirmed as recommended.

Carried.

April 10, 1944.

Committee Reports

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline have selected Maxwell M. Frisosky as a substitute probationary fireman.

We recommend that he be appointed for the usual six months' probationary period, effective his date of hire, April 1, 1944.

D. D. HARRIS,
W. J. MAHONEY,
CHARLES P. VANNOTE,
Committee on Men and Discipline.

By Com. Harris—

That Maxwell M. Frisosky be appointed substitute fireman on the usual probation.

Carried.

April 11, 1944.

Reports of Chiefs

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached is the application of Engineer William H. Arnold requesting a thirty days' leave of absence to take immediate effect.

I recommend that Engineer Arnold be given thirty days' leave of absence without pay, starting April 16, 1944.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

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By Com. Gross—

That Engineer William H. Arnold be given a thirty days' leave of absence without pay.

Carried.

April 11, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commisisoners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

This is to report that on March 7, 1944, I accepted the written resignation of probationary fireman Bliss E. Gardner.

This resignation was submitted voluntarily by Mr. Gardner to be immediately effective that date.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

By Com. Gross—

That the resignation be accepted.

Carried.

Chief O'Brien reported two minor accidents in which Police cars were involved.

Placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed a report of finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of March, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher filed a detailed report on finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of March, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher reported on injuries received by Fireman George Scarlet, on the condition of Firemen Keck and Forner.

Chief Fisher and Chief O'Brien reported on the result of the survey made in their departments relative to men who would be willing to work the two weeks of their vacation period for extra pay and those who would work but wished to have the vacation time accumulate.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Gross—

That policemen and firemen who wish to work during their vacation period this year and have the vacation time accumulate be given permission to do so.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Morden Oil Co.	492.18
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	203.07
England-Cook Co.	89.50
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	86.40
John F. O'Brien	40.42
Wonch Battery Co.	40.00
Paul Automotive Parts	38.60
Robinson Auto Supply	27.50
Western Union Co.	13.19
Central Stepplejacks	10.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	6.30
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	5.68
Whitmore Auto Electric	4.80
Reo Motors, Inc.	4.25
Lansing Rag Laundry Co.	3.20
General Distributing Corp.	2.51
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	1.71
Bd. of Water & Elec. Lt. Comrs.	1.58
Jarvis Engineering Works	1.21

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

City Comptroller	$362.75
Bd. of Water & Elec. Lt. Comrs.	306.06
Department of Public Service	77.27
Mine Safety Appliance Co.	250.46
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	170.81
United Office Equipment Co.	151.80
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	132.59
Fuller Brush Co.	48.77
Swift & Co.	45.00
Lansing Laundry	40.32
Consumers Power Co.	38.90
General Parts & Service, Inc.	34.20
Michigan School Service, Inc.	23.00
Central Welding Supply Co.	22.42
Lee & Cady	15.28
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	13.53
E. M. Brooks	12.00
Hugh F. Fisher	11.48
Capitol City Wrecking Co.	9.52
L. J. Bishop	8.65
Barker-Fowler Elec. Co.	8.56
Michigan Brass & Elec. Co.	7.65
Franklin DeKleine Co.	5.33
Elkhart Brass Mfg. Co.	5.21
Quality Awning Shop	4.60
The Seagrave Corporation	3.70
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	3.39
Hacks Key Shop	3.25
Lansing Supply Co.	3.04
Parker's Paint & Wall Papers	2.94
Western Auto Supply Co.	2.76
Brick & Supplies Corp.	2.69
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	2.13

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
April 11, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings April 28, 1944

April 28, 1944.

The Board met in adjourned regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Hunter.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Henry, Harris, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote.—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes were corrected to authorize Marshal Sam Fisher instead of Chief Hugh Fisher to attend the National Fire Prevention Conference, and to show that the Board recessed instead of adjourned.

The minutes as corrected were approved.

The City Clerk reported that the City Council had referred to the Board a communication from the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union with a resolution of the Union attached relative to the Policemen of the city having affiliated with their organization.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline and the City Attorney with a request to report at the next regular meeting.

April 28, 1944.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

I wish to advise that Patrolman Byron Gilbert, having served twenty-five years with the Police Department, was placed on the list of retired and pensioned officers on April 18th, by the retirement board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

Received and placed on file.

April 28, 1944.

Honorable Board of Police and
Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Please allow the following transfers in the Police Department Budget, to take care of overdrawn accounts:

From 1A3 to 1A2	$ 136.00
From 1C16 to 1C15	41.57
From 1A1 to 1D7	2,550.50
From 1A1 to 1D12	1,334.26
From 1C1A to 1F10	213.16
From 1C1 to 2C	6,293.74

After all transfers are made and bills allowed, a balance of approximately $2,617.93 will be turned back to the City Comptroller.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. O'BRIEN,
Chief of Police.

By Com. Smith—
That the transfers be allowed.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. VanNote—

That the attention of the Board be called to the fact that the City Council approved the Budgets of the two departments as recommended by the Board relative to salary raises with the exception of those receiving $3,000.00 or more which numbers eight in the two departments.

Carried.

By Ald. Smith—

That the salary of Richard McConnell, Secretary to Chief Fisher, be increased $50.00 per year.

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Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Gross, Henry, Harris, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote. —8.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Smith—

That Chief Fisher and Chief O'Brien be commended for the manner in which they handled their budget funds during the 1943-44 fiscal year.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Cadillac Motor Car Division	$4515.19
Oscar Lenz	1557.10
Morden Oil Co.	496.37
Lansing Oldsmobile	74.98
Whitmore Auto Electrcic Co.	67.98
The Bike Shop	58.67
General Distributing Corp.	41.78
St. Lawrence Hospital	41.05
S. H. Reese Co.	40.71
Safety Service Clinic	37.29
Offenhauer Radio Service	18.50
Galvin Mfg. Co.	16.77
The Hallenbeck Printing Co.	15.50
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	14.25
Lawn & Garden Supply Co.	13.50
Ammon-McBride-Moore	10.32
Linn Camera Shop	10.26
International Assn. of Chiefs of Police	10.00
Wonch Battery Company	7.50
Lansing Laundry Co.	7.20
Michigan Assn. of Chiefs of Police	5.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	4.27
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	3.07
The Silver Lead Paint Co.	2.30
M. W. Pletcher	1.76
Scientific Service Co.	1.12

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Board of Water & Elec. Lt. Com.	$335.38
The Gamewell Company	250.71
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	151.11
Lansing Ice & Fuel Co.	142.00
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	134.84
Friedland Iron & Metal Co.	85.75
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	74.05
Consumers Power Co.	44.81
Lansing Laundry	38.62
Edington Rug Company	36.92
Janesville Apparel Co.	19.59
J. C. Penney Co., Inc.	13.92
Hugh F. Fisher	10.88
Safety Service Clinic	9.78
Quality Awning Shop	9.04
Vandervoort Hardware Co.	7.22
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	3.01
General Distributing Co.	2.45
Field's Radiator Shop	2.25
Whitmore Auto Electcric	2.03

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

April 28, 1944,
Lansing, Michigan.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings May 9, 1944

May 9, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. C. I. Hunter.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote. —8.

Absent—None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Ald. Smith—

That Com. C. I. Hunter be nominated for President and A. P. Gross for Vice-President of the Board.

Com. Hunter withdrew his name as a candidate for the office of President.

Com. Gross nominated Com. VanNote for President of the Board.

By Com. Mahoney—

That nominations be closed and Com. VanNote be unanimously elected President of this Board.

Carried.

Com. Smith nominated Com. Gross for Vice-President of the Board.

By Com. Mahoney—

That nominations be closed and Com. Gross be unanimously elected Vice-President of this Board.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Thomas M. Borst, Business Manager of the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Local Union No. 580 regarding the City Patrolmen who are members of that Union.

Also a communication from Mr. Borst submitting a schedule or agreement which they wish to discuss with the Board.

May 5, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

At your meeting of April 11th you referred to me the request of Ernest V. Messick for back pay for the period of December 16, 1943 to March 16, 1944.

As stated in my letter of February 1st, which was received at your meeting of February 8th, the Federal Selective Law does not apply to Municipalities, so the only reason for re-employing Mr. Messick is found in your resolution of February 24, 1942, which is as follows:

> That members of the Police Department or of the Fire Department who enter the armed forces of the United States in the present emergency shall be given a leave of absence from their positions and upon their honorable discharge and if physically fit, shall be reinstated upon their return to Lansing in the position which was held upon entering into the service with such seniority rights as they had when entering the service. Provided application be made within six months after such honorable discharge.

On January 12, 1944, Doctor Hermes wrote you saying he had examined Mr. Messick on December 14, 1943, that he had a back condition which would cause future trouble and that he did not consider him physically able to carry on the duties of a police officer. Attached to Doctor Hermes' letter were reports of Doctor Davenport of St. Lawrence Hospital and of Doctor Stringer. There was also attached a letter from the Navy, dated December 29, 1943, refusing to give Doctor Hermes information regarding Mr. Messick. Regardless of Doctor Hermes' findings you reinstated Mr. Messick at your meeting of March 14th.

Mr. Messick never made formal application to you for reinstatement, the matter apparently coming first to the attention of the Board on January 12th when Chief O'Brien reported his return. Mr. Messick was present, gave a verbal report as to

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his physical condition and was requested to secure a medical report from the Navy. Apparently Doctor Hermes' report was read at this meeting.

Under your resolution of February 24th it was necessary for you to determine if he was physically fit to carry on his duties as a police officer. You were not required to do it on December 16th, apparently the first date upon which he talked to Chief O'Brien, or on January 12th when the matter was first considered by your Board as you were entitled to a reasonable time within which to make your investigation and determination.

The Navy report was not submitted to your Board until April 5th when it was attached to his letter requesting back pay. You will see that the first page of the photostatic copy of the report is not complete in that a paper has been placed over the matter after the words "Facts are as follows." You will note the failure at the bottom to entirely delete several letters.

It is my belief that under no circumstances should you award him any back pay, prior to the receipt of Doctor Hermes' letter on January 12, 1944. Whether he is entitled to back pay, from that time on, is a matter for you to decide, based upon all of the aforesaid facts. You may if you desire determine he is not entitled to any pay on the ground that the Navy report was not received until your meeting of April 11th, and even now is not complete.

If you should determine he is entitled to back pay a deduction should be made therefrom for any wages he may have received during such period from other employment.

Very truly yours,
PAUL G. EGER,
City Attorney.

By Com. Smith—

That the request of Ernest Messick for back pay be denied.

Carried.

A communication was received from William E. Young offering to service the entire Police Headquarters and locker room in the basement for the sum of $75.00 per year.

By Com. Gross—

That the offer of William E. Young for United Exterminators be accepted.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

To the Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners:

The Committee on Men and Discipline met with the City Attorney in his office in the City Hall on May 5, 1944, to consider the communication of Local Union No. 580 of Teamsters and Chauffeurs and heard Representatives Borst and Shiffer of such union on behalf of such communication as had therefore been submitted; after due deliberation the committee makes no recommendation in regard to such communication.

D. D. HARRIS, Chairman.
CHARLES P. VANNOTE,
W. J. MAHONEY.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien reported on expenditures and vehicles.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher reported orally on fires and fire losses.

Com. Smith gave a report on the cost of giving fire protection to East Lansing and Lansing Township.

The President appointed Com. Smith to represent the Board at a hearing relative to fire protection outside the city limits.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Mahoney—

That the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners deny the communication of Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Local No. 580, A. F. L., whereby they request to be recognized as representing members of Lansing Police and Fire Department who are members of their organization, and further that the Board will not tolerate any member of the Lansing Police Department belonging to or affiliating with any union or any organization affiliated with a union.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

By Com. Smith—

That the sum of $75.00 be set up in the Police Budget and in the Fire Department Budget for the use of chiefs for the purpose of entertaining guests of the two departments.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Cadillac Motor Car Division	$2292.83
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	81.94
Federal Electric Company	72.14
Hallenbeck Printing Co.	36.50
John F. O'Brien	35.10
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	12.22
Western Union Company	1.07

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

May 9, 1944,
Lansing, Michigan.

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John F. Webb, City Treasurer	37.80
Hallenbeck Printing	27.00

By Ald. Eddy—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the foregoing claims be allowed and the City Clerk be and she is hereby directed to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amounts allowed each claimant, respectively.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bates, Brown, Coller, Cranmer, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

Council adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
June 19, 1944.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings June 13, 1944

June 13, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. VanNote.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote.—8.
Absent—None.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the minutes of the last meeting be corrected by striking out the words "and firemen" from the resolution introduced by Com. Mahoney and adopted by the Board on May 15, 1944, regarding membership of Policemen in the Chauffeurs & Teamsters Local No. 580 A. F. of L.

Carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting as corrected were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief O'Brien reported that Patrolman Richard Porter left the Police Department on April 14, 1944, to join the Navy.

By Com. Henry—

That Patrolman Richard Porter be granted a leave of absence in order to join the Navy under the provisions of a resolution of this Board adopted on February 25, 1942.

Carried.

A communication was received from R. W. Ballantine enclosing a check for the Firemen's Benefit Fund in appreciation of the Fire Department's cooperation in solving the "Bird Problem." The check was ordered deposited as requested by Mr. Ballantine.

Chief Fisher requested permission to send one captain and one lieutenant to the Michigan State Firemen's Association Conference at Kalamazoo on June 19, 20 and 21, with expenses paid from Fire Department Funds.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the request be granted at a cost not to exceed $50.00.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 8; nays, 0.

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Chief Fisher tendered the application of Captain Linford Scott to be retired on a pension in July, 1944, on account of ill health and having served twenty-five years.

Received and placed on file.

Com. Claude I. Hunter submitted his resignation as a Member of the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System. The resignation was accepted.

Fireman John Forner reported that he would be unable to return to work at the expiration of his ninety day sick leave.

Received and placed on file.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Fisher filed reports of finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of May, 1944, which were received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports of the Police Department for the month of May, 1944, including financial report, which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien reported on the work of the Detective Department for the month of May, 1944.

Chief O'Brien reported that only two motorcycles had been allowed the Police Department by the Government.

June 12, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find reports from Assistant Chief Ross Dibble and Assistant Chief Arthur Witschinski; also Captains Scott, Trescott, Spaulding and Zipple on the following probationary firemen:

Raymond H. Meredith—Appointed Sept. 1, 1943.

Robert T. Pangborn—Appointed Oct. 1, 1943.

Phillip K. Alber—Appointed Dec. 1, 1943.

Inasmuch as all reports are satisfactory, and these men have all served more than six months probationary period, I recommend that their appointments be confirmed.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

By Com. Harris—

That the appointments of Firemen Meredith, Pangborn and Alber be confirmed as recommended by Chief Fisher.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 8; nays, 0.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Niles—

That Lt. Pletcher be given permission to attend a ten days meeting at Northwestern University.

Carried.

By Com. Hunter—

That Com. VanNote be appointed Member of the Policemen and Firemen Retirement System.

Carried.

By Com. Smith—

That the contract submitted by Mr. Paul Eger, City Attorney, for Fire Protection for Lansing Township be approved.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 8; nays, 0.

By Com. Hunter—

That the present arrangement with East Lansing for fire protection be continued for another year.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 8; nays, 0.

By Com. Henry—

That the City Council be requested to include among the blue prints for post war projects, plans for Fire Station and that the City Engineer be requested to work with this Board on such plans.

Carried.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the Standing Committees appointed by the President be confirmed.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the folowing vote: Yeas, 8; nays, 0.

Morden Oil Company	$669.82
J. P. Davenport	356.75
Allen Printing Co.	115.50
Goodyear Service	77.58

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Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	76.46
Franklin DeKleine Co.	74.50
The Gamewell Company	39.50
Eastman Kodak Stores	39.44
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	38.62
General Distributing Co.	24.24
Whitmore Auto Electric Co.	22.03
Hallenbeck Printing Co.	20.00
Vaughan Battery Service	20.34
Western Union Co.	14.26
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	9.75
Colt Patern Firearms Co.	8.83
Rulison Supply Co.	5.98
The Rikerd Lumber Co.	5.20
Carrier Stephens Co.	5.00
Wolverine Insurance Co.	4.35
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	3.75
Barker-Fowler Electric Co.	3.75
Capitol Erection & Welding Co.	2.00
Federal Electric Co.	1.86
Bomgardner Mfg. Co.	1.86
Emery Pratt Co.	1.10

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas, 8; nays, 0.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	$151.11
Bd. Water & Elec. Light Comm.	137.26
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	129.60
Samuel Fisher	92.75
Brulin & Company, Inc.	78.00
Lansing Laundry	58.41
Consumers Power Co.	44.27
Michigan Company, Inc.	31.43
Hugh F. Fisher	22.61
Lansing Supply Co.	21.98
Akron Brass Mfg. Co., Inc.	21.39
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	21.37
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	20.78
Whitmore Auto Electric	18.45
The Seagrave Corporation	18.10
Vaughan Battery Service	17.02
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	15.11
Central Welding Supply Co.	12.71
Franklin DeKleine Co.	8.24
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	8.22
Clifton Gregg	8.00
B & M Siren Mfg. Co.	7.02
General Distributing Corp.	6.21
Capital Film Service	5.80
Capitol City Wrecking Co.	5.69
Earl H. Pierson	5.15
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	5.01
Field's Radiator Shop	4.50
The Briggs Company	4.07
A. W. Handy, Inc.	3.60
Quality Awning Shop	2.00
The Seagrave Corporation	80.41
Roberts Tire Sales, Inc.	57.27
Graybar Electric Co., Inc.	11.02

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

June 13, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings July 7, 1944

Lansing, Michigan,
July 7, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Comm. VanNote.

ROLL CALL

Present—Comms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote. —8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from the Director of the University Extension Service relative to the Michigan Fire College to be held at Ann Arbor on July 11 through 14, 1944.

By Comm. Smith—

That Chief Fisher and one Fireman be authorized to attend the Michigan Fire College.

Carried.

John Forner asked for a leave of absence without pay for a period of ninety days starting July 1, 1944, on account of illness.

By Comm. Henry—

That John Forner, Engineer at No. 7 Station, be granted a ninety days leave of absence without pay beginning July 1, 1944.

Carried.

Chief Fisher presented to the Board notices from Kale A. Knapp and Robert Pangborn, Firemen, that they had notice to report for service in the U. S. Navy on July 14, 1944, and requested leave of absence under the provisions of a resolution of the Board adopted on March 22, 1942.

By Comm. Niles—

That Kale A. Knapp and Robert Pangborn, Firemen, be granted a leave of absence in accordance with the provisions of the resolution adopted by this Board on March 22, 1942, relative to men in the department entering the U. S. armed forces.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 8; nays, 0.

June 22, 1944.

To the Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

The following action regarding applications for retirement was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System at their meeting held June 20, 1944:

"It was moved and supported that the request of John J. Forner for duty disability retirement be denied inasmuch as his present claimed disability is not as a result of duty and is not total and permanent and does not incapacitate him for duty as a fireman.

Carried."

"It was moved and supported that the application for duty disability retirement submitted by Ernest Radelt be approved and that he be placed on the Retired List as of April 16, 1944.

Carried."

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"It was moved and supported that the application for duty disability retirement submitted by Harold C. Brown be approved and that he be placed on the Retired List as of May 1, 1944.

Carried."

"It was moved and supported that Linford D. Scott having qualified for service retirement under Section 17(d), he having attained age 45 and having twenty-five years of service in the Fire Department, that his application for service retirement be approved and that he be placed on the Retired List as of July 5, 1944.

Carried."

R. E. SANDERSON,
Secretary.

Received and placed on file.

July 7, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I have received numerous telephone calls from insurance companies, public utility companies, the Michigan State Police and others regarding the dwelling which was destroyed by a gas explosion on June 22nd at 413 S. Magnolia Avenue.

All of these calls have been very complimentary on the praiseworthy action of Asst. Chief Arthur Witschinski in ordering everyone to stay out of this building and to stay away from it.

I, too, appreciate the fact that the foremost thought of Chief Witschinski at that time was to protect his men and the other citizens who had gathered. When the house exploded with a blast that rocked the entire neighborhood, we were indeed fortunate that there was only one minor injury caused by flying lumber.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH F. FISHER,
Chief of Fire Department.

By Com. Harris—

That Assistant Chief Witschinski be commended by this Board for the way in which he handled the situation at a gas explosion on June 22, 1944, at 413 S. Magnolia Avenue.

Carried.

A communication was received from Lt. M. W. Pletcher in which he reported on the National Traffic Institute which he had attended at Northwestern University.

Received and placed on file.

APPLICATIONS

By Com. Harris—

That the maximum age limit for appointment as members of the Fire Department be raised to 35 years.

Carried.

Applications for appointment as Firemen were received from Basil J. Nichols and Howard K. Berg.

By Com. Harris—

That Basil J. Nichols and Howard K. Berg be appointed Firemen on the regular six months probation.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

June 19, 1944

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline held a meeting to consider the case of Captain George Spaulding who was suspended from the Fire Department by Chief Hugh Fisher on June 7, 1944.

Inasmuch as Captain Spaulding's case has been posponed by the Municipal Court, your committee recommends that he be reinstated as of June 20th, but that he shall lose his wages during the period of his suspension.

D. D. HARRIS,
L. C. NILES,
W. J. MAHONEY,
Men and Discipline Committee.

By Com. Harris—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline make the following recommendations pertaining to members of the Fire Department:

That Lieut. Leon Leathermon be promoted to the rank of Captain;

That Engineer Wm. H. Arnold be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant;

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That Fireman Edwin Alcenius be promoted to the rank of Engineer;

That Asst. Chief's Driver Leon Orler be promoted to the rank of Engineer;

We further recommend that the above recommendations be made effective July 15, 1944.

D. D. HARRIS,
LYNN C. NILES,
WM. J. MAHONEY,
Men and Discipline Committee.

By Com. Harris—

That the report of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

The subject of purchasing land adjoining the old city market site was referred to the Committee on Property and Purchasing.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Fisher reported on finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of June, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed a report of the finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of June, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Harris—

That Chief O'Brien be authorized to attend the Conference of Chiefs of Police at Charlevoix.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Morden Oil Company	$375.91
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	67.56
Talk-A-Phone Mfg. Co.	41.25
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	36.99
The Hallenbeck Printing Co.	32.00
William E. Young, United Exterminators	25.00
John F. O'Brien, Petty Cash Items	24.24
Water & Elec. Light Comm.	24.89
Whitmore Auto Electric	21.20
The Dudley Paper Co.	16.44
Colt's Patent Fire Arms Co.	14.54
Harley Davidson Motorcycle Co.	7.84
Western Union Co.	7.28
Graybar Electric Co.	5.81
Carrier-Stephens Co.	5.00
Lansing Laundry Co.	4.88
Safety Service Clinic	4.45
Star Machine Works	3.01
Eastman Kodak Stores Co.	.60

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	151.11
Janesville Apparel Co.	133.25
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	131.79
Bd. Water & Light Comm.	100.68
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	74.46
Hugh F. Fisher	50.00
Lansing Laundry	45.21
Consumers Power Co.	44.54
Vandervoort Hardware Co.	20.78
Lansing Supply Co.	18.67
Michigan Company	14.85
Michigan Printing Service	14.00
Hugh F. Fisher	13.01
Capitol City Wrecking Co.	11.38
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	10.21
Morris Auto Parts Co.	9.00
Fuller Brush Co.	8.63
U-Rent-It-Shop	8.45
Michigan Supply Co.	5.64
Michigan Brass & Elec. Co.	4.93
Capitol Elec. Supply Co.	4.53
Fisher-Hamilton Wall Paper Co.	9.19
Quality Awning Shop	2.90

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
July 7, 1944.

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United Autographic Register	9.24
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	8.67
Michigan Printing Service	4.50
Standard Oil Co.	.87

TREASURER

Treasurer Pay Roll	96.69
John F. Webb, City Treas.	6.67

By Ald. Eddy—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the foregoing claims be allowed and the City Clerk be and she is hereby directed to draw orders on the City Treasurer for the amounts allowed each claimant, respectively.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bates, Brown, Coller, Cranmer, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Wiegandt.—14.
Nays—None.

Council adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

August 14, 1944.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Aug. 8, 1944

August 8, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the Vice-President, Com. Gross.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Niles, Smith.—6.
Absent—

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from R. M. Cook, Chief of Plant Protection, Oldsmobile, relative to installing a City Fire Alarm Box in the Plant Protection Office at the Forge Plant, for which they will pay and string wires to the location suggested by the Fire Department.

By Com. Hunter—

That Chief Fisher be authorized to have the work done under his supervision.

Carried.

A communication was received from Harold F. Lillie, Director of the Lansing Safety Council, in regard to a Fire Prevention Program to be sponsored by the Plant Protection Division, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations and asking for the cooperation of the Chief of the Fire Department and his department in making the demonstration successful.

By Com. Smith—

That the Fire Department and this Commission cooperate with the Lansing Safety Council in the proposed program.

Carried.

Chief Fisher presented the resignation of Edwin J. Noyce, Fireman, effective August 1, 1944.

By Com. Harris —

That the resignation be accepted.

Carried.

James F. Keenoy requested that he be

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transferred from the Police Department to the Fire Department.

The request was referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Men and Discipline recommended that the request of James F. Keenoy for transfer from the Police Department to the Fire Department be denied.

By Com. Harris—

That the Board concur in the recommendation of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Carried.

August 8, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline has selected Raymond D. Bullock and George W. Hinman to become members of the Lansing Fire Department.

We recommend that these men be appointed as substitute probationary firemen, effective their date of hire.

D. D. HARRIS,
LYNN C. NILES,
Men and Discipline Committee.

By Com. Harris—

That the Board concur in the recommendation of the Committee on Men and Discipline and Raymond D. Bullock and George W. Hinman be appointed substitute Firemen on usual probation.

Carried.

August 8, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline and Chief Hugh Fisher recently interviewed the following men for the purpose of selecting new members for the Lansing Fire Department:

Karl G. Jackovac,
George E. Beak,
Percy G. LaLonde, and
Charles A. Stacy.

We recommend that after these men have passed the necessary physical examinations, that they be appointed as substitute probationary firemen, effective their date of hire.

D. D. HARRIS,
LYNN C. NILES,
Men and Discipline Committee.

By Com. Harris—

That this Board concur in the recommendation of the Committee on Men and Discipline and that Karl G. Jackovac, George E. Beak, Percy G. LaLonde, and Charles A. Stacy be appointed substitute probationary firemen when they have passed the necessary physical examination.

Carried.

REPORTS OF CHIEFS

Chief Fisher filed the monthly reports of the Fire Department relative to finances and activities of the department which was received and place on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports on finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of July, 1944, which were received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher reported on a discussion of Post War problems of Fire Departments which were discussed at a recent conference.

Com. Harris offered for consideration of the Board a bill which Patrolman Ernest Messick requested be paid by the City, the bill being for medical and other expenses.

By Com. Harris—

That the bill be not allowed.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Hunter—

That when a member of the Police Department or of the Fire Department resigns from the department of which he is a member he shall not be considered eligible for appointment in the other department for a period of six months from the date his resignation became effective and that this regulation be added to the rules of both departments.

Carried.

By Com. Smith—

Whereas, the plans prepared by Herrick and Simpson, architects, for the proposed new central fire station to be located on

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the "old market site" are now ready for approval, that the Honorable City Council be asked to consider the plans which have been submitted and that the expense involved be included in the 1944-1945 Fire Department Budget.

Carried.

Com. VanNote arrived and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

By Com. Niles—

That Chief Fisher be authorized to attend the Conference of International Fire Chiefs Association to be held at Grand Rapids this month.

Carried.

By Com. Smith—

That Chief O'Brien be authorized to attend the meeting of International Chiefs of Police Association to be held in Cleveland in August.

Carried.

By Com. Henry—

That the medical and hospital bills of Detective Lieutenant Boyles be paid by the city.

Carried.

By Com. Harris—

That in case Sgt. George Warner is successful in securing a Fellowship for a four months' course at Northwestern University for which he is competing, he be granted a leave of absence to attend.

Carried.

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

The Bike Shop	$573.00
Morden Oil Company	403.75
Harley Davidson Motorcycle Co.	102.60
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	84.06
Harley Davidson Motorcycle Co.	54.07
General Distributing Co.	27.32
R. P. Lewis Co.	27.14
John F. O'Brien	27.00
Firestone Stores	25.12
Capitol Electric Co.	23.91
The Hallenbeck Printing Co.	19.50
The Dudley Paper Co.	15.25
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	12.95
Eitel McCullough, Inc.	12.00
Lansing Laundry Co.	7.10
Whitmore Auto Electric	6.66
Emery-Pratt Co.	6.62
Colt Patent Fire Arms Co.	6.09
Western Union Co.	6.09
Robinson Auto Supply	5.50
Friedland Iron & Metal Co.	4.38
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe.	3.18
Harry Clippinger	2.50
Eastman Kodak Company	1.87
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	1.58

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

McKay Coal Co.	$223.13
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	130.41
Bd. Water & Elec. Lt. Comm.	99.66
Michigan Company, Inc.	96.52
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	83.30
Seagrave Corporation	67.60
Lansing Laundry	53.41
Silver Lead Paint Co.	49.82
Hugh F. Fisher	44.10
Capitol City Wrecking Co.	39.69
The Addison Sponge Co.	38.71
Consumers Power Co.	38.20
Fisher-Hamilton Wall Paper Co.	36.37
Michigan Printing Service	30.50
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	19.99
Barker-Fowler Elec. Co.	18.37
Tire Engineering Service Co.	16.25
Morris Auto Parts Co.	16.20
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	15.53
Central Welding Supply Co.	12.55
Mine Safety Appliances Co.	9.75
Wever's	8.58
Jury-Rowe Co.	7.49
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	6.86
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	5.85
Franklin DeKleine Co.	4.80
H. O. R. Co., Inc.	4.70
Michigan Supply Co.	2.26
Capitol Steel Corp.	2.11

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

August 8, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Sept. 12, 1944

September 12, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. VanNote.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Smith.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Harold C. Brown, formerly of the Fire Department, in which he thanked the members of the Board for the framed resolution given him expressing the appreciation of the Board for his services.

Received and placed on file.

A communication from the Fog Nozzle Company was referred to Chief Fisher.

Cecil Hethorn, Supt. of Fire Alarms, requested permission to attend the annual meeting of the International Signal Association at Boston, Mass., on October 2, 3, 4 and 5 with necessary expenses.

By Com. Mahoney—
That the request be granted.

Carried.

August 17, 1944.

To the Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,

Lansing, Michigan.

The following action was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System at their meeting held July 18, 1944:

Rule No. 5:

"It was moved and supported that in considering all applications by policemen for duty disability, no illness, injury, accident or incident claimed as a cause of or a contributing cause to such disability and claimed to have occurred after May 15, 1944, shall be considered by the Trustees, unless a record thereof shall be on file with the Police Department or in the Workmen's Compensation Division of the City Comptroller's Office. Carried.

Rule No. 6:

It was moved and supported that in considering all applications by Firemen for duty disability, no illness, injury, accident or incident claimed as a cause of or a contributing cause to such disability and claimed to have occured after June 1, 1943, shall be considered by the Trustees, unless a record thereof shall be on file with the Fire Department or in the Workmen's Compensation Division of the City Comptroller's Office. Carried."

Yours verly truly,

R. E. SANDERSON,
Secretary.

August 17, 1944.

To the Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

The following action was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System at their meeting held August 15, 1944:

"It was moved and supported that in accordance with Chapter 29 of the City Charter that Howard Dickens be placed on the Retired List on September 14, 1944, on which date he will have attained age 65.

Carried.

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It was moved and supported that the application for non-duty disability retirement submitted by John J. Forner be approved and that he be placed on the Retired List as of July 1, 1944. Carried.

Rule No. 7:

It was moved and supported that all members of the Police Department shall, not later than December 1, 1944, make a complete and detailed written report to the Chief of Police of all illnesses, injuries, accidents, incidents or of any other matter which occurred prior to May 15, 1944, and which might in any way in the future have any bearing upon any claim for disability. Such report shall give the date, nature of the illness or injury, names of witnesses, doctors, hospitals, length of disability and all the details in regard thereto.

In considering all applications by policemen for duty disability no illness, injury, accident or incident claimed as the cause of or a contributing cause to such disability and claimed to have occurred prior to May 15, 1944, shall be considered by the Trustees, unless such a report or a departmental report shall be on file in the department or a record thereof shall be on file in the Workmen's Compensation Division of the Comptroller's Office. Carried.

Rule No. 8:

It was moved and supported that all members of the Fire Department shall, not later than December 1, 1944, make a complete and detailed written report to the Chief of the Fire Department of all illnesses, injuries, accidents, incidents or of any other matter which occurred prior to June 1, 1943, and which might in any way in the future have any bearing upon any claim for disability. Such report shall give the date, nature of the illness or injury, names of witnesses, doctors, hospitals, length of disability and all the details in regard thereto.

In considering all applications by firemen for duty disability no illness, injury, accident or incident claimed as the cause of or a contributing cause to such disability and claimed to have occurred prior to June 1, 1943, shall be considered by the Trustees, unless such a report or a departmental report shall be on file in the department or a record thereof shall be on file in the Workmen's Compensation Division of the Comptroller's Office. Carried."

Yours very truly,

R. E. SANDERSON,
Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

September 11, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline recommends that Fireman Harold Washburn be promoted to the rank of Engineer, effective September 15, 1944.

D. D. HARRIS,
W. J. MAHONEY,
LYNN C. NILES,
Committee on Men and Discipline.

By Com. Harris—

That the Board concur in the recommendation of the Committee and that Fireman Harold Washburn be promoted to the rank of Engineer, effective September 15, 1944.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief O'Brien filed a report on the WAR CONFERENCE of the International Association of Chiefs of Police held at Cleveland in August.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher filed reports on finances of the Fire Department for the month of August, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports of the finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of August, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Henry—

That the continuing of the employment of Howard Dickens be referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline with power to act upon receiving advice from the City Attorney.

Carried.

By Com. Gross—

That the Board recommend to the City Council the purchase of a parcel of land located on South Washington Avenue, south of Mt. Hope Avenue.

Carried.

By Com. Harris—

That the City Clerk communicate with the City Council and ascertain whether provisions are being made for housing for the Police Department in the Post War Planning Program.

Carried.

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By Com. Hunter—

That Sgt. George Warner be authorized to accept the sum of $500.00 from the R. E. Olds Education Foundation Fund for expenses while attending Northwestern University.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Morden Oil Co.	$429.09
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	78.46
Capitol Automotive Supply	73.20
John F. O'Brien	46.03
The Bike Shop	62.91
Weissinger Paper Co.	53.35
Safety Service Clinic	44.76
Colt's Patent Fire Arms Co.	21.46
General Distributing Corp.	21.37
John F. O'Brien	17.92
Firestone Dept. Store	16.50
Capitol Electric Co.	13.00
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	9.43
Robinson Auto Supply	7.00
Vaughan Battery Service	6.78
Western Auto Supply Co.	6.15
Emery-Pratt Co.	3.83
Railway Express Co.	3.51
Rudolf Bannasch	3.50
A. B. Curtis	3.27
Maurice Polack Inc.	3.15
Western Union Co.	2.00
Whitmore Auto Electric	1.25
Franklin DeKleine Co.	1.21
Roberts Tire Sales, Inc.	1.00
Reo Motors, Inc.	.58

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Lansing Ice & Fuel Co.	$373.64
Hazard Insulated Wire Works	243.60
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	172.81
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	129.86
Bd. Water & Elec. Lt. Commrs.	89.69
Mine Safety Appliances Co.	84.34
Walter Kidde & Co., Inc.	68.70
Michigan Supply Co.	59.55
Lansing Laundry	41.95
Consumers Power Co.	41.90
Lansing City Treasurer	37.20
Roberts Tire Sales, Inc.	29.60
Silver Lead Paint Co.	28.32
J. C. Penney Co., Inc.	25.56
Boichot Concrete Products Corp.	24.00
Michigan Printing Service	20.75
U-Rent-It Shop	17.00
Hugh F. Fisher	16.17
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	14.34
C. G. Brenner, Inc.	13.66
A. W. Handy, Inc.	13.50
Central Welding Supply Co.	12.32
Michigan Company, Inc.	11.88
Homelite Corporation	11.00
Lansing Supply Co.	10.83
Lee and Cady	9.06
Jury-Rowe Co.	7.70
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	5.99
Crest Sales & Supply Co., Inc.	4.80
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	4.50
Capitol Film Service	4.40
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	4.29
Snap-On Tools Corp.	3.50
Whitmore Auto Electric	3.66
Fisher-Hamilton Wall Paper Co.	2.68
The Briggs Company	2.36

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
September 12, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 10, 1944

October 10, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. VanNote.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote.—7.
Absent—Com. Hunter.—1.
The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Chief Hugh Fisher stating that Fireman Carl Barratt has been called to report for military service on October 18, 1944.

By Com. Harris—

That Fireman Carl Barratt be granted a leave of absence in accordance with the provisions of a resolution adopted on February 25, 1942, regarding men entering the military services of the United States.

Carried.

Robert Woods filed a claim for $34.45 for lost time and medical bill for disease claimed by him to have been caused by confinement in the City Jail.

By Com. Smith—

That the claim be not allowed.

Carried.

The Wolverine Insurance Co. submitted a bid for renewal of policy 127184 covering fleet of police and fire department cars for $612.78.

By Com. Gross—

That the bid of the Wolverine Insurance Co. be accepted.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote.—7.
Nays—None.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for appointment as Firemen were received from Wm. V. Frid, Floyd W. Alden and Stephen Snauka, Jr., and referred to Chief Fisher.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Fisher filed a report of finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of September, 1944, which was placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed a report of finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of September, which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien reported a minor accident, involving a Police car and the garage door, which was placed on file.

Inspector Paul Taylor filed a report for the month of September, 1944, relative to cases handled by the Detective Bureau, which was received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Gross—

That the President of this Board be authorized to sign an agreement with Harrick N. Simpson on behalf of the Board for architect's services for proposed new fire station.

Carried.

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By Com. Harris—

That Sgt. Harry Snider be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Charge of School Safety with the salary of a lieutenant, effective November 1, 1944.

Adopted by the following vote:
Yeas—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote.—7.
Nays—None.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Morden Oil Company	$432.30
Whitmore Auto Electric	153.74
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	77.51
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	72.92
Bd. of Water & Elec. Light	72.23
The Hallenbeck Co.	53.75
Firestone Stores	42.77
John F. O'Brien	38.14
C. I. Milbourn	37.30
Galvin Mfg. Co.	31.32
Anthes Force Oiler Co.	30.97
United Exterminators	25.00
Franklin DeKleine Co.	20.45
Vaughan Battery Service	20.34
Wonch Battery Co.	18.35
Eastman Kodak Stores	17.59
M. W. Pletcher	15.75
Western Union Co.	11.06
J. F. O'Brien, Petty Cash	10.22
O. Parks	10.00
Marian Heffner	10.00
Barker-Fowler Co.	3.53
General Detroit Corp.	3.50
Maurice Polack, Inc.	3.25
Capitol Electric Supply Co.	1.54
Vandervoort Hardware Co.	.66

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.	416.50
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	152.84
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	131.41
Bd. of Water & Elec. Lt. Comm.	97.61
City Treasurer	80.00
Vandervoort Hardware Co.	71.74
United Exterminators	50.00
General Distributing Corp.	49.71
Consumers Power Co.	45.54
Lansing Laundry	42.74
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	35.94
Swift & Co.	33.00
Seagrave Corp.	30.75
Dept. Public Service	16.63
Capitol Elec. Supply Co.	15.80
Boichot Concrete Products Corp.	15.00
Lansing Supply Co.	13.23
Central Welding Supply Co.	12.02
Carrier-Stephens Co.	12.00
Field's Radiator Shop	10.50
Franklin DeKleine Co.	7.87
Silver Lead Paint Co.	7.84
Murphy Supply Co.	6.94
E. H. Ward Co.	6.55
Hugh F. Fisher	6.02
Painters Supplies, Inc.	5.90
Michigan Company, Inc.	3.71
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	3.23
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	3.19
Maurice Polack, Inc.	3.09
Michigan Printing Service	3.00
Brick & Supplies Corp.	2.69
A. W. Handy, Inc.	2.15
Whitmore Auto Electric	2.07
City Comptroller	.40

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

October 10, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Nov. 21, 1944

November 21, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. VanNote.

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote. —8.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from J. G. Henry in which he expressed his sincere appreciation for the excellent manner in which the Fire Department handled a fire at his home recently and upon the efficient and aggressive fire-fighting organization which Lansing has.

Received and placed on file.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayle Hagerman thanked the Board for the cooperation in permitting Percy LaLonde to be absent in order to give a blood transfusion to their nephew.

Received and placed on file.

The Holland Furnace Co. extended the company's thanks for the speed and efficiency with which the Inhalator Squad came to the aid of their employe, Lyle Scott, when he was overcome by coal gas on October 11.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Michigan Planning Commission relative to Special Procedure taking effect November 1st.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Pierce, Planck & Ramsey relative to injuries claimed to have been received by Ernest Messick while on duty in the Police Department and asking as to the position of the Board in the matter.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the communication be referred to the City Attorney.

Carried.

A communication was received from R. E. Sanderson, Secretary of the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Fund in which he reported on action taken at their meeting of October 17, 1944, in which the retirement of George R. Spaulding, Captain at No. 5 Fire Station, and of John Keith Lang of the Police Department were approved and notifying the Board of an amendment to Rule No. 1.

Received and placed on file.

George R. Spaulding, Captain at No. 5 Fire Station, notified the Board that he had applied for retirement, and asuring the Board of his pleasure in the service of the department and thanking the members for past consideration.

Placed on file.

Chief O'Brien presented a letter of resignation from Officer Kenneth Bassett, and recommended that it be accepted.

By Com. Mahoney—

That the recommendation of Chief O'Brien be concurred in and that Officer Bassett's resignation be accepted.

Carried.

Chief Fisher submitted reports on Probationary Fireman Maxwell M. Frisosky, and inasmuch as all reports were satisfactory, he recommended that his appointment be confirmed.

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By Com. Harris—

That the appointment be confirmed.

Carried.

November 10, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commission,

Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline make the following recommendations pertaining to the Fire Department:

That Lieutenant Clyde Bircham be promoted to the rank of Captain;

That Engineer Laurence Therrian be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant;

That Fireman Paul Heeney be promoted to the rank of Engineer.

We further recommend that the above promotions be made effective December 1, 1944.

D. D. HARRIS,
WM. J. MAHONEY,
LYNN C. NILES,
Men and Discipline Committee.

By Com. Harris—

That this Board concur in the recommendations of the Men and Discipline Committee and that the promotions be made as recommended.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Fisher reported on the finances and activities of the Fire Department during the month of October, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed a detailed report on finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of October, 1944.

Chief Fisher reported on the Michigan Fire Department Program.

Chief O'Brien reported a minor accident involving a Police Department Car.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Mahoney—

That the Lansing Fire Department participate in the Michigan Fire Department Training Program.

Carried.

By Com. Gross—

That the house and lot on Prospect St., adjoining No. 4 Fire Station, be returned to the City Council to be sold and the money reecived be deposited in the fund for the purchase of the site on S. Washington Avenue and in the event that the site on S. Washington Avenue is not purchased, then the money received be placed in a reserve fund for purchase of a site.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Mahoney, Niles, Smith, VanNote.—8.

By Com. Hunter—

That Chief O'Brien be instructed to make application for admission of an officer to the National Police Academy class in January, 1945.

Carried.

President VanNote instructed Chief O'Brien to continue asking for draft deferments for all members of the Police Department.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Wolverine Insurance Company	$434.41
Morden Oil Company	422.18
Buhl Sons Company	181.41
Central Steeplejack Co.	100.00
Michigan Bell Telephone	88.61
C. I. Milbourn	71.30
Chem Cream Supply Co.	49.50
The Dudley Paper Co.	43.00
Firestone Stores	40.04
Stanley H. Reese	37.80
Stanley H. Reese	35.30
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	33.25
Pearse Upholstery Co.	25.36
Allen Printing Co.	23.50
The Hallenbeck Printing Co.	22.50
Weissinger Paper Co.	17.70
Colt's Patent Fire Arms Co.	16.96
United Office Equipment Co.	16.75
John F. O'Brien—Petty Cash	16.37
General Distributing Co.	14.29
The Gamewell Company	11.21
Federal Electric Co.	11.04
Eastman Kodak Stores	10.90
Lansing Laundry Co.	10.14
Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co.	7.67
Railway Express Co.	4.42
Maurice Polack, Inc.	3.00
Western Union Co.	2.47
Pere Marquette Railway Co.	1.17
George F. Alger Co.	1.13
Paul's Automotive Parts	.39

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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Galvin Mfg. Corp.	$440.00
The Gamewell Company	215.17
Bd. Water & Elec. Lt. Comm.	203.07
Wolverine Insurance Co.	178.37
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	151.11
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	132.36
Dur-Safety Ladder Corp.	115.50
City Treasurer	80.00
Seagrave Corporation	67.20
Lansing Laundry	52.71
Consumers Power Co.	41.54
Wever's	40.81
Lansing Ice & Fuel Co.	35.67
Capitol Elec. Supply Co.	34.71
Michigan Company, Inc.	26.48
Fuller Brush Company	20.70
South Lansing Garage	20.00
Mine Safety Appliances Co.	17.82
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	10.47
Vaughan Battery Service	9.97
Central Welding Supply Co.	9.52
Michigan Supply Co.	7.97
Robert Tire Sales, Inc.	7.59
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	6.44
Lansing Supply Co.	6.18
Franklin DeKleine Co.	6.12
E. & J. Resuscitator Co.	5.00
Leavenworth's	5.00
Hugh F. Fisher	3.43
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	3.40
Murphy Supply Co.	3.15
Schaberg-Dietrich Hdwe. Co.	2.78
Lansing Glass & Glazing Works	2.35
Elkhard Brass Mfg. Co.	1.87

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

November 21, 1944.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 12, 1944

December 12, 1944.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Chas. P. VanNote.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gross, Harris, Henry, Hunter, Niles, Smith, VanNote.—7.

Absent—Com. Mahoney.—1.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Clyde Clark, Fire Chief for Reo Motors, Inc., enclosing a check for $25.00 for the Firemen's Benefit Fund in appreciation of the efficient services at a fire at their plant on November 30, 1944.

By Com. Gross—

That the check be placed to the credit of the fund designated.

Carried.

Chief O'Brien presented the resignation of Patrolman James F. Keenoy, to take effect December 1, 1944, accompanied by his record of over nine years in the Police Department.

By Com. Niles—

That the resignation of James F. Keenoy be accepted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

December 12, 1944.

Board of Police and Fire Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Men and Discipline met with Chief Hugh Fisher for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the Fire Department.

Floyd W. Alden and John C. Blair were selected, and we recommend that they be appointed as substitute firemen for the usual probationary period, effective their date of hire.

D. D. HARRIS,
LYNN C. NILES,
Men and Discipline Committee.

By Com. Gross—

That Floyd W. Alden and John C. Blair be appointed firemen on the usual probation.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Fisher filed reports on finances and activities of the Fire Department for the month of November, 1944, which were received and placed on file.

Chief O'Brien filed reports of the finances and activities of the Police Department for the month of November, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

Chief Fisher commended Officer Pearson of the Police Department for his alertness in discovering a fire at 303½ S. Washington Avenue recently.

Paul Taylor, Inspector, filed a report of the Detective Bureau work for the month of November, 1944, which was received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Gross—

That the property on Prospect Street recommended for sale be limited to the

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following description: W. 4 rods of Lot 9, and West 2½ rods of Lot 11, Block 9, Green Oak Addition.

Carried.

By Com. Gross—

That the request of Barnard Pierce, Attorney for Ernest Messick, be denied.

Carried.

Patrolmen Thomas Pearson and Charles E. Buckborough were awarded citations by the Board for meritorious services in the line of duty.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Morden Oil Company	$394.35
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	115.58
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	56.15
The Bike Shop	31.40
Columbia Carbon Co.	24.00
The Hallenbeck Printing Co.	19.00
Whitmore Auto Electric	10.60
The Gamewell Company	7.43
Robinson Auto Supply Co.	6.50
Medical Arts Surgical Supply	4.90
Eastman Kodak Stores Co.	2.84
Western Union Co.	2.77
Fields Radiator Shop	2.25
The Dudley Paper Co.	2.02
General Distributing Corp.	1.47
John F. O'Brien	1.25
Lansing Laundry Co.	1.20
Maurice Polack, Inc.	.85

The following claims against the Fire Department were presented and allowed by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Bd. Water & Elec. Lt. Comm.	$255.15
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	152.84
Michigan Bell Telephone Co.	129.86
Midwestern Manufacturing Co.	98.59
Friedland Iron & Metal Co.	85.75
Lansing Ice & Fuel Co.	82.18
Estes Furniture Co.	60.75
J. C. Penney, Inc.	60.00
Consumers Power Co.	41.24
Lansing Laundry	38.56
General Distributing Corp.	24.35
Graybar Elec. Co., Inc.	12.48
Nat. Fire Protection Assn.	10.00
Lansing Oldsmobile Co.	9.75
Central Welding Supply Co.	9.53
Quality Awning Shop	9.00
Hugh F. Fisher	8.65
Reo Motors, Inc.	7.13
Vandervoort Hdwe. Co.	5.86
Michigan Company, Inc.	4.95
Capitol Elec. Supply Co.	3.21
Paul Automotive Parts Co.	3.16
Franklin DeKleine Co.	2.65
Linn Camera Shop	2.48
Michigan Supply Co.	2.11

Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

December 12, 1944.

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